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In re the application of)
DAVID S. BROWN ET AL)
Filed April 10, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1755
Serial No. 09/832,070) Examiner: J. W. Pasterczyk
NICKEL-CONTAINING ETHYLENE) October 17, 2002
OLIGOMERIZATION CATALYST AND USE)
THEREOF)
)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of July 18, 2002 relative to the application identified above. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment and an allowance of the instant application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

A catalyst is provided that is a reaction product of a simple divalent nickel salt; a boron hydride reducing agent; a water soluble base; a ligand selected from an o-dihydrocarbylphosphinobenzoic acid and alkali metal salt thereof; and, a trivalent phosphite. Also, a process is provided for making the catalyst.